

May 20, 2020

Capital Projects Advisory Review Board
Project Review Committee
Attn: Talia Baker

RE: Letter of Support for Clover Park School District's GC/CM Recertification

Dear Members of the Project Review Committee,

Studio Meng Strazzara has provided architectural services to dozens of Washington school districts for over 40 years. During that time, we have had the opportunity to be involved in projects utilizing a variety of procurement methods. Our initial K-12 GC/CM project, Northshore School District's Woodinville High School was approved in 2006, and we spent more than a decade working through three phases of design and construction, and three bond elections, until its completion in 2016. The GC/CM delivery was instrumental to the success of that project, due to its complicated phasing on a difficult site. More recently we have been involved with GC/CM projects with Lake Washington School District's Peter Kirk Elementary School and Clover Park School District's Thomas Middle School. Our firm sees real benefits from the GC/CM approach.

Clover Park School District has completed several schools utilizing GC/CM. CPSD's collaborative way of working with others is well suited to the GC/CM contracting method. Their Capital Projects team not only has the necessary expertise and processes in place, they partner with experts to leverage the collective knowledge. The success of the Thomas Middle School project that is nearing completion, is a testament to the District's resources, communication skills, and leadership.

Studio Meng Strazzara and I strongly recommend that Clover Park School District is recertified for GC/CM project delivery.

Sincerely,



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